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September President's Message

I'm sorry to have missed the last club meeting, but I know VP Archie (W5AG) did a fine good job in conducting the meeting.

We will have several things to discuss at our September meeting. With the new Amos Committee formed there has been some interesting suggestions as to what to do with the old fellow. At the next meeting we can discuss some of those suggestions.

We had a great trip to Texas for the Austin Summerfest (<http://www.austinsummerfest.info/>). I decided to stay with Jim's sister in Smithville while he attended the Summerfest. We had a day of relaxation and girl time which we both enjoyed. We then continued on San Antonio. The whole trip was very enjoyable, even though it was 103 degrees!

The hams attending Lunch Bunch have had some very interesting discussions. I learn a lot just from listening to them talk radio, repeaters, antennas, and the like. It's always beneficial for me. I enjoy Lunch Bunch and urge those of you who can attend to join us. We've been having a very good group on Wednesday at Golden Coral.

The repeater committee has put in many hours getting everything done to get the repeater up and running. I appreciate their dedication to seeing the job gets done properly. This has been a group of men that has been dedicated to the cause which they committed to. Good job men. You know who you are.

Well, the new school year has began. We need to be very careful when driving around. We must watch out for the little ones and school busses.

We haven't had children in our family for a long time. Now we have a three year old great grandson, Caydon. We love that little fellow. He livens up the place wherever he is. That sure is an interesting and fun age. It's amazing how much we can miss little children around the house after ours are grown and grown.

As we all know November is election month. If anyone you know is not registered to vote, please urge them to get registered. It is so important that everyone who can vote will vote. This is a crucial election. Our future freedom depends on your vote. If we don't vote we have nothing to complain about. We can make the difference, let's do it. If you watch the news and read the Scriptures you won't have to wonder how you should vote.

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

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Irma Bookter KE5UPK
AARA Club President

AARA General Meeting
Thursday September 2nd
Red Cross Building—7:00 PM
VE Testing—6:00 PM



KCRA Annual 9/11 Memorial Event

Reprinted from Kings County Repeater Association on line.
<http://www.kc2ra.org>

The Annual 9/11 "Memorial Station-on-The Air" will take place this year on Friday, September 10th 2010 from 13:00z to 23:00z (9AM-7PM).

Member participation is encouraged, if you are interested in attending join the Monday night club net at 8:30 PM, contact any board member, or click here This e-mail address is being protected from Spam bots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it to send an email.

This year's location is Battery Park, just a short walk from Ground Zero and the World Trade Center site.

The club will be trying some new modes such as D-Star and PSK31 for this event. EchoLink stations will also be invited to participate.

Frequencies, and modes are as follows:

Traditional Voice:

7.250 LSB
14.295 USB

Data:

14.070 PSK31

D-Star:

We will be connected to reflector 20B (REF020B) via the WG2MSK D-Star repeater.

D-Star users may connect to the reflector, the WG2MSK repeater, or call sign route to KC2RA.

QSL Card for the event.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday Sept. 2nd @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

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each month at 7:00 p.m. at the
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Louisiana Text Messaging Prohibited

The Text messaging ban went into effect today (8/15/10). While there is no direct exception for amateur radio, they did specifically exclude devices "permanently affixed to a motor vehicle." They also included the soon to be famous "citizens band radio hybrids" and exempted devices with a push-to-talk function.

Matt Anderson
KD5KNZ

§300.RS 32:300.5. Use of certain wireless telecommunications devices for text messaging prohibited.

A.

(1) Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, no person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any public road or highway of this state while using a wireless telecommunications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication. For purposes of this Section, a person shall not be deemed to be writing, reading, or sending a text message if the person reads, selects, or enters a telephone number or name in a wireless telecommunications device for the purpose of making a telephone call.

(2)

(a) "Wireless telecommunications device" means a cellular telephone, a text-messaging device, a personal digital assistant, a stand alone computer, or any other substantially similar wireless device that is readily removable from the vehicle and is used to write, send, or read text or data through manual input. A "wireless telecommunications device" shall not include any device or component that is permanently affixed to a motor vehicle. It does not include citizens band radios, citizens band radio hybrids, commercial two-way radio communication devices, or electronic communication devices with a push-to-talk function.

(b) "Write, send, or read a text-based communication" means using a wireless telecommunications device to manually communicate with any person by using a text-based communication referred to as a text message, instant message, or electronic mail.

B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the following:

(1) Any law enforcement officer, firefighter, or operator of an authorized emergency vehicle while engaged in the actual performance of his official duties.

(2) An operator of a moving motor vehicle using a wireless telecommunications device to:

(a) Report illegal activity.

(b) Summon medical or other emergency help.

(c) Prevent injury to a person or property.

(d) Relay information between a transit or for-hire operator and that operator's dispatcher, in which the device is permanently affixed to the vehicle.

(e) Navigate using a global positioning system.

(3) A physician or other health care provider using a wireless telecommunications device to communicate with a hospital, health clinic or the office of the physician, or to otherwise provide for the health care of an individual or medical emergency through a text-based communication.

C.

(1) The first violation of the provisions of this Section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred seventy-five dollars.

(2) Each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

(3) If the person is involved in a crash at the time of violation, then the fine shall be equal to double the amount of the standard fine imposed in this Subsection and the law enforcement officer investigating the crash shall indicate on the written accident form that the person was using a wireless telecommunications device at the time of the crash.

(4) Any violation of this Section shall constitute a moving violation. A law enforcement officer shall enforce the provisions of this Section only as a secondary action when the officer detains a driver for an alleged violation of another provision of this Chapter.

Acts 2008, No. 665, §1, eff. July 1, 2008.

ARRL Louisiana Section

Section Manager: Mr Gary L Stratton Sr, K5GLS
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August 2010 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

CLUB MEETING:

The meeting was opened by the Vice-President Archie W5AG due to the fact that President Irma Bookter KE5UPK was out of town.

The opening prayer was by the PIO Herman KN5GRK.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

There were 32 members in attendance.

Introductions: All of the attendees gave their names, call signs and any interesting contacts that they might have made during the last month.

Minutes: The July Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the August LARC Newsletter.

Financial Report: The June 10th financial report was read by club treasurer Joy N5YCS. Any club member needing a copy of the financial report can contact Joy at: n5ycs@w5ddl.org

Old Business: Archie W5AG asked for a report from the committee looking into the new club generators. Dick WA6MDI stated that a report was submitted to the Club President Irma KE5UPK and that the committee had fulfilled its' duty. The committee is/was awaiting further direction.

Archie W5AG also asked for a verbal summary of the work done on the W5DDL 146.820 MHz repeater. Dick WA6MDI gave a full summary of all activities. These included that the new location is on top of the Chase Bank Towers building at +/- 260 Ft., the repeater output is 10 watts, the phone patch is working and that a UPS with filtering and a phone line filter were donated by Joe Fain W5XJF (IT director for Chase Bank). Plans are to put a PL tone on this machine as soon as funds are approved. Dick also stated that a phone line and a static IP port for the internet was made possible by Chase Towers. Dick thanked Grant KF5CNU, Charlie KI5XP, Fred W5MLE, Glen KF5BET, Et. Al. for their help with the installation of the repeater system.

Archie W5AG and Joy N5YCS went over the expenditures spent on the re-location of the repeater, keeping in mind that these expenditures were not budgeted. Only monies to fix or maintain the repeater was included in the budget.

New Business: Dick WA6MDI asked the club for consideration in purchasing a new PL Decoder, +/- \$60.00, since the present decoder is not applicable, and to provide AC hardwiring into the Chase Banks emergency,

natural gas generators for +/- \$500.00. There was a motion made to accept these expenditures and the motion was seconded. Pending the Board's acceptance and a budget amendment, the club voted and the ayes were in the majority.

Calvin KD5JCT asked the club to consider removing AMOS from service and sell it. Calvin and Ed WA5TNK brought up that AMOS is a money drain on the club with insurance and maintenance, etc. Archie W5AG assembled a committee made up by Ed WA5TNK, Grant KF5CNU, Nick KE5MWX, Archie W5AG and Linda KE5HSY. This committee is to review alternatives and expenses and give recommendations on the future of AMOS and any replacements. The motion will be tabled for 60 days until a report is made by the committee. A vote was taken and the ayes were in the majority.

Roland NA5Q asked that we change our Web Site host to one with more features and at less cost. No changes to our website users will be visible. One of the features of this change will be a "reflector" so users can "buy/sale/trade" or pass information as a forum. A vote was taken to make this change and the ayes were in the majority.

Guest Speaker: After breaking for sandwiches and drinks, Archie W5AG gave a presentation and video on two Field Day Contest Teams.

Door Prizes:

1. Roland NA5Q - ARRL Antenna Handbook.
2. Phoebe KC5VRN - ARRL General Class License Manual
3. David KC5DPL - ARRL Basic Electronic Handbook.
4. Ralph WB5GAF - Extra Class License Flash Cards and License Training Manual which ended up in the hands of Grant KF5CNU.

These door prizes were donated by member Virginia Bryant KE5DJA

Respectfully Submitted:

Paul D. Scallan, Sr. K5VSH
Secretary, AARA

August VE Test Session Results

Only two persons tested at the August 5th test session.

Joseph O. Okoro of Lafayette, LA passed Technician and received the call KF5IET

Daniel F. Becker of Baton Rouge, LA passed Technician. After some paperwork problems, he finally was issued the call KF5IGR.

The VE's for this session were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH
Greg Dolan K5LFT
John H Cunniff W4JHC
Archie Hill W5AG

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Danny K5ARH

KCRA 9/11 Special Event (continued from page 1 column 2)

EchoLink:

EchoLink users are welcome to participate as well, please connect to KC2RA-R (node 64300), and disconnect after contact.

QSL information:

A commemorative memorial QSL card is available (see picture on page 1). **D-Star and EchoLink users must use RF (a radio, not a computer) on their end to be eligible, cards will be marked D-Star or EchoLink.**

If you have contacted us on the air during this event and would like a QSL card please send your card along with a self addressed stamped envelope (DX stations send 1 IRC) to:

Kings County Repeater Association
911 Memorial Station
POB 288
Brooklyn, NY 11228

New Changes

During the last couple of months (July & August) our club has undergone some new changes, all for the best. Listed are a few.

Repeater:

The 146.82 W5DDL repeater had to relocate from Stratos (the tower being removed) to the Chase Towers in downtown Lafayette which happens to be the highest building downtown. Thanks to our repeater maintenance guys and to Chase Bank the repeater seems to be working better than ever. Some of the features incorporated are: The Phone Patch is now working, a PL of 103.5 on the repeater input and a PL of 103.5 on the output. If you enable the receive PL on your transceiver, you can eliminate the interference from all of the other repeaters on 146.82. Notice the new ID's with Club name and PL 103.5, later a feminine voice may be programmed, how about that! The 147.04 EchoLink repeater has not incurred any major problems lately.

Club Website:

Roland NA5Q, our webmaster, suggested that we move our hosting service from Fat Cow to QTH.COM at the last meeting saying this will save the club some money and with QTH.COM we will have a ham radio user friendly server. The club voted to do so. One feature of this new server is that we can now have a "chat/for sale/" on line forum. This will take a lot of e-mail relays from me. If you have a item for sale/trade or info you want to pass on to others, you will list it on the forum. Of course you will have to register with a password to be able to use this service.

By the first of September, Roland should have everything moved to the new hosting service, you will not see any cosmetic changes taking place as far as you are concerned.. We will still be "www.w5ddl.org".

BTW, Roland is also the webmaster for the "Louisiana Contest Club" <http://louisianacontestclub.org/>

Newsletter:

After searching for a while and getting a few "maybe's", I have finally found a volunteer to pick up the LARC newsletter. Club member Galen Wilson KF5BET has agreed to give it a try, I am sure he will do a good job with the two assistants he will have as reporters, daughter's Abbigail KF5BEW and Kendra KF5FYS. What a team! I am sure that our members will also give this team a lot of support if needed.

Herman KN5GRK
LARC Editor & PIO



2010 BIRTHDAYS

9/03	MONTE	KE5TEY
9/08	BUDDY	N5AN
9/10	GLYN	WA5TAAQ
9/12	JIM	WB5AAA
9/13	FRED	W5MLE
9/16	NATHAN	KD5IQW
9/16	DJ	N5HSV
9/19	MEL	WD5CAE
9/20	DANNY	K5ARH
9/24	IRMA	KE5UPK
9/24	WARD	NG5T
10/01	CHERYL	KE5IBM
10/04	GREG	K5LFT

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

2010 NEW ORLEANS HAMFEST

Sponsored By:
JARC, DELTA DX AND NOARC

Date: September 25th, 2010
Time: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Place: Harahan Recreational Center
6601 10th St.
Harahan, LA

Admission: \$5.00
Talk-In: 146.86 -600 (PL 114.8)

Grand Prizes:

1st - ICOM IC-718
2nd - Dual Band Radio
3rd - MFJ Antenna Analyzer
And many other door prizes ie:
ANTENNAS, GIFT CARD ETC.

Contact:

Keith Barnes, W5KB
PO Box 73665
Metairie, LA 70033
Phone: 504-289-1504
Fax: 504-737-0858
Email: nohamfest@w5gad.org

Check out their extensive website

September 2010 Special Events & Contests

Sep. 9-13	N3U/Flt - Memorial Dedication United Flight 93.
Sep. 10	KC2RA - 9/11 Memorial Event (see page 1 column 2).
Sep. 10	Straight Key Weekend Sprint (CW).
Sep. 11	Worked All Europe DX Contest.
Sep. 10-12	N5I - 2 nd Anniversary of Hurricane Ike.
Sep. 12	North American Sprint (CW).
Sep. 11-19	W6A - 11 th Annual Route 66 on the Air.
Sep. 18	QCWA Fall QSO Party.
Sep. 16-19	K4MIA - National POW/MIA Recognition Day.
Sep. 19	North American Sprint (Phone).

You can find more listings of Contests and Special Event Stations in the September 2010 issue of QST on pages 66 and 90.

August 2010 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	5	49	Ø	97	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	3	40	2	58	KF5CNU Grant
Acadiana ARES Net	4	13	Ø	34	N5LRZ Ray
Vermillion Parish ARES Net	4	22	Ø	44	KE5JXC Arnold
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* M 5 / G 8	Ø	14	KE5JKD Larry

Results! Why, man, I have gotten a lot of results. I know several thousand things that won't work. - Thomas Edison

The Guys That Keep Our Repeaters On The Air



Shown here are Dick (standing), Grant, and Glen inspecting the 146.82 DB-228 antenna on top of the Chase Building downtown Lafayette.

(L to R) Dick installing the repeater in the rack, Kris with cable, Danny, and Fred.



Grant (in orange shirt) helping Dick put the repeater in the rack.

Danny, programming the PL tone, ID's phone patch for the repeater.



Fred, installing some connectors and soldering together a circuit of some kind for the repeater.

Fred is in the progress of installing a 440 repeater with

EchoLink and IRLP on top of the Chase Tower.

More in the next issue of the "LARC".



Dick (standing) with Danny and Kris.

Dick Melcher—WA6MDI
 Danny Griffith—K5ARH
 Fred Marshall—W5MLE
 Grant Linscomb—KF5CNU
 Glen Thibodeaux—KF5FNP
 Kris Wotipka—KD5QYV

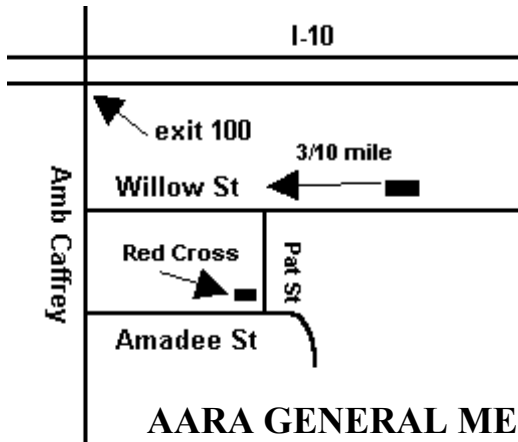
W5DDL
146.820
PL 103.5

THANKS GUYS!



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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, September 2nd, 2010 - 7:00 PM
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE

Paul's "Easy Hot & Clear Pepper Jelly"

by Paul D. Scallan, SR - K5VSH

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|--|--|
| 3/4 Cup of Cider Vinegar (5% Acidity). | 3 to 4 Drops food coloring (Red or Green). |
| Teaspoons of Tabasco Pepper Sauce. | 3 1/2 Cups of Sugar. |
| 4 (3 Oz.) Package of Liquid Certo Pectin or 1/2 package or .875 Oz. Of Sure-Jell Powder. | |

Combine the first three ingredients into a medium sauce pan. Bring to a rapid, rolling boil with a hot fire on top the stove. Add the sugar immediately. Stir constantly and after the mix comes to a full boil, that can't be stirred down, boil 1 more minute, remove from heat and add red food coloring. Stir. Put in sterilized jars. Will make 3+ Cups. If the jelly is not hot enough, add more Tabasco. If the jelly is too hot, use less. This recipe is far less expensive than the Tabasco Brand Pepper jelly available commercially.

This recipe is so easy, since it doesn't have any chopping, de-seeding, or dicing involved. For Jalapeno use Tabasco Jalapeno sauce with green coloring.

NOTE: Watch the prep time very closely. I didn't, and my jelly turned out rock solid this time with the same recipe. You might want to read the directions on the Pectin Package for the "Easy Recipe Procedure".

If you have a favorite recipe, send it to:
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FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245